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## Argentina - Buenos Aires Lockdown Status Extended

On 30 November, Argentina's government published in the *Boletin Oficial* Decree N° 956/2020 extending until 20 December 2020 the lockdown status for the Buenos Aires metropolitan region.

(For prior coverage, see GMS Flash Alert 2020-454, 10 November 2020.)

#### WHY THIS MATTERS

The measures established in the Decree, could continue to delay travel plans by residents of Buenos Aires and individuals who have plans to travel to (and within) the Buenos Aires metropolitan region.

The measures restricting group gatherings, limiting people's movement within the metropolitan region and border crossings, advising people to keep 1.5 meters apart, using a face mask and gel-alcohol, and avoiding meetings in closed spaces, are still in place to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

While some travel restrictions applied to neighboring countries have been eased, there are still some important protocols they are required to follow.

### **Details**

Travel restrictions remain the same as the arrival to the country is forbidden for foreign non-resident individuals through ports, airports, international border crossings, and any other access point, to reduce the chances of infection and spreading COVID-19.

However, tourists coming from bordering countries such as Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay are still allowed

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to enter Argentina, but are required to have a negative PCR test before boarding, along with a medical insurance. (For prior coverage, see GMS *Flash Alert* 2020-442, 29 October 2020.)

Additionally, individuals authorized by the National Immigration office to come to Argentina from affected areas<sup>2</sup> must provide information about their itinerary, declare their address in the country and undergo a medical examination that should be as minimally invasive as possible, to determine the potential risk of contagion and the preventive actions to be taken.

#### **KPMG NOTE**

The current circumstances present new challenges as the length of the lockdown period is unknown and the situation could change in the future.

Any individuals impacted by the lockdown extension may wish to consult with their global mobility advisers and immigration legal counsel as soon as possible for advice on next steps.

#### **FOOTNOTES:**

- 1 See the "Decreto 956/2020" published (in Spanish) in the *Boletín Oficial* at: <a href="https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/237844/20201130">https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/237844/20201130</a> (Decreto 956/2020, DECNU-2020-956-APN-PTE, Aislamiento Social, Preventivo y Obligatorio y Distanciamiento Social, Preventivo y Obligatorio.)
- 2 Affected areas include European countries, Schengen members, United Kingdom, United States, Korea, Japan, China and Iran.

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